**Language Arts Reflection**

Can you imagine what the world would be like with no writing? It would be like a world without air for people to breathe. Nobody would be able to use their creativity. I wouldn’t know as much as I know today. I wouldn’t know about all of my writing skills that I have learned throughout my school life. There would be no such thing as an author! I know many people that want to be an author when they grow up but if there was no such thing as writing no one would even know what an author is. Being a writer allows you to use creativity and make up your own stories in your mind. Without writing the world would be totally different. There would be no such thing as movies, books, and many more.

I am very proud of all of my writing pieces from this year. Although I like all of them one of them stands out to me the most. My favorite writing piece was my fiction piece. I loved my topic, and the story touched my heart very strongly. I also learned a lot while I was creating this piece.

I have learned many skills throughout my year of being a sixth grader. While I was writing my fiction piece, Mrs. Bubalis taught me and my classmates many new skills that we haven’t learned yet. She taught us ways to create a character for your story. For example, she told us that it is easier if you create their internal and external traits. She also told us to create and describe the way that a character moves to make the story more interesting. She told us to write a very detailed setting and use sentence variety. Mrs. B explained to us that for sentence variety you can replace said with stronger words, use sentences that start with an –ing word, and many others. She taught us that one of the most important things for a fantastic piece is to make sure that you edit and revise your writing. She also gave us a new way to plan out our stories. They are called story maps. It includes the information that will be in your story. For instance, it included your character’s hopes, wants, or desires, an obstacle that was standing in their way from following their dreams, to build the story problem by problem, a climax, and a resolution to end the story. I also learned from her that it is good to have a lot of conversation in your writing piece. Another skill that I learned during sixth grade is to write from small moment to small moment. Mrs. B calls this writing a “small seed” instead of a “big watermelon story”.

Mrs. Bubalis was an amazing teacher. She taught me many things that I will never forget. I am also lucky to have learned all of this information from her because it will be helpful to know for my first year of being out of elementary school. I truthfully think that I am a great writer and I love to write. I plan to be writing stories throughout my school life and after also.